

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

<b>APPLICANT:</b>	Vasselin G. Manev	<b>EXAMINER:</b>	Martin, Angela J.
<b>SERIAL NO.:</b>	10/675,552	<b>GROUP ART UNIT:</b>	1745
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<b>FOR:</b>	Method of preparation of positive electrode material		

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

**Mailstop Amendment – Fee**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement presented in the Office Action dated August 30, 2006, Applicant elects Species I, claims 1 through 15, without traverse. Claims 1 through 15 are drawn to a method for preparing a positive electrode material for use in a cell of a lithium, lithium-ion or lithium-ion polymer battery, the method comprising subjecting a lithiated transition metal oxide positive electrode material having one or more water-containing compounds therein to a treatment prior to preparing said cell to convert at least a portion of the water-containing compounds to one or more water-free compounds. Applicant believes that no additional fees are required. The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 08-2789 in the name of Howard & Howard Attorneys for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment.

**Respectfully submitted,**

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Date

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